



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Service List in Docket 3400

**FROM:** Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk

**RE:** Investigation Into the Feasibility of Debt Forgiveness Plan on Energy Bills

**DATE:** July 11, 2003

The following is the Procedural Schedule and the Issues for Briefing in the above-referenced docket:

8/18/03 Deadline to Intervene  
8/25/03 Briefs Due (limit of 20 pages)

Public Hearings:

7/31/03 Public Comment in Pawtucket City Hall Council Chambers @ 7:00 p.m.  
8/7/03 Public Comment in The Cathedral of St. John, Synod Hall @ 7:00 p.m.  
8/14/03 Public Comment in Town of Bristol Burnside Building @ 7:00 p.m.  
8/21/03 Public Comment in Woonsocket City Hall Council Chambers @ 7:00 p.m.  
9/3 – 9/4/03 Public Comment and Evidentiary Hearings at Commission's Office @ 9:30 a.m.

Briefing Issues:

- (1) Whether the Commission has the authority under either state or federal law to order a surcharge to fund the proposed program.
- (2) Whether the Commission could order a surcharge during a distribution rate freeze period (See Settlements in Docket Nos. 2930 and 3401).
- (3) Whether the proposed surcharge would violate any provision of state or federal law.

cc: Commissioners  
Cindy Wilson, Commission Counsel